

Happy Lunar New Year!

34th Support Group Public Affairs Office wishes you a safe and happy New Year. Due to the Korean holidays, the next edition of Seoul Word will be published Feb.22.

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Town Hall Meeting

Area II Town Hall meeting today from 9-10 a.m. via AFN Eagle FM 102.7. Call in your concerns at 738-7040/41/42/45. Hannam Village or off post dial 7918-7040/41/42/45. Also see page 12.

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Celebrating Korean Lunar New Year



'Je-gi' is played during the 'Seol-nal.' The object is to kick the 'je-gi' without letting it hit the ground.

By Han Yoon-koo

Associate Editor

New Year's Day in America began Jan. 1, but not in Korea! While the new Millennium began recently, the Korean people still use the lunar calendar. Based on this

calendar, the year 2002 begins Feb. 12.

The lunar calendar is based on the phases of the moon, and has been determined to be more accurate for the agrarian society in which Korean people lived. Lunar New Year

is called 'Seol' or 'Seol-nal' and it is considered one of the most important holidays in Korea along with 'Chusok,' the Korean Thanksgiving Day.

'Seol' means to be careful, and some also interpret it to mean sadness. Others say that 'Seol' derives from 'nat seol da,' which means to be unfamiliar. 'Seol-nal' is a time to renew family ties and prepare for the upcoming New Year. On New Year's Eve, Korean people place straw scoopers, rakes or sieves on their doors and walls to protect their families from evil spirits.

A different animal represents each year of the lunar calendar. Twelve different animals cover the 12 years that comprise the complete lunar calendar. Further, each year has five different variations that represent different colors. Since, each year has five

variations, the exact same lunar year occurs only once every 60 years.

The year 2002 is the Year of the Black Horse. According to Asian astrology, the animal that rules the year influences the events during that year. It is believed that the black horse contains the elements of fire and water, which symbolizes good fortune.

How do people celebrate Lunar New Year in Korea?

The most important thing that a Korean family does on the Lunar New Year's Day is to perform a traditional ritual called 'Charye' to express their gratitude to their ancestors. Early in the morning, the family members wear traditional clothes, called Korean Hanbok, and prepare a full table of food in the living room. An ancestral memorial ceremony is conducted for ancestors up to the fourth

generation. Koreans believe that their ancestors come in to their homes during the ritual and eat the food that is prepared.

After 'Charye,' Koreans perform 'sebae,' to greet their elders on New Year's Day. 'Sebae' requires that people perform a ritualistic bow to senior members of their own family. The very oldest family members receive the bows first. After the ritual, the family joins together for breakfast with the food prepared for the memorial rites, and then the family goes out to visit relatives and older friends to perform 'sebae' again. In return, they are given small packets of money, called 'sebae-don,' as well as food and treats. Well-wishes are exchanged in hopes of having a good upcoming year. Also, relatives who live far

See "Seol-nal" on page 13.

EXPLORERS program provides insight on law enforcement

By: Staff Sgt. Krishna M. Gamble

34th Support Group Public Affairs

Ever thought of a career in law enforcement? Well, if you are between the ages of 14-21 and want to learn more about any aspect of law enforcement, the 94th Military Police Battalion *EXPLORERS* program is just the place for you.

This is the advertisement for the new law enforcement program in the Republic of Korea.

"It's a training opportunity for those interested in a career in law enforcement," said Capt. Rahsaan H. Jackson, 94th MP Bn. "It will give those persons a chance to see some of the things we do in law enforcement."

The 94th MP *EXPLORERS* program is a program charted by the Boy Scouts of America that is designed

to develop self-esteem, discipline, good citizenship and leadership for young adults while learning about law enforcement. It is open to anyone between the ages of 14-21 with parental or guardian consent, good health and good moral habits with no arrest conditions, serious offenses or negative police contact.

"The purpose of the *EXPLORER* program is to promote growth and development in young adults," said 1st Lt. Batina Brooks, 94th MP Bn.

EXPLORERS assist with special events, crime prevention programs and community policing. They also have the opportunity to learn almost every aspect of law enforcement including, investigations, crisis intervention, traffic direction, patrol

See "EXPLORERS" on page 13.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KRISHNA M. GAMBLE

McGruff stopped by during the 94th MP *EXPLORERS* orientation to explain the importance of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.

NEWS AND NOTES

AFTB Area I Spouses

Area I Spouse's and Service Member's Instructor Training will be March. 5-6 at Camp Casey, Pear Blossom Cottage bldg#2345. For information or to register for classes, call Michelle Clinton at 730-3108

Training Schedule Changes

There are a few changes with KN POSH training schedule: 1:30-3:30 p.m., Feb. 24, 25 (instead of 9-11 a.m., Feb. 25, 26), March-August training schedule stays the same.

AAFES Open Forum

AAFES will conduct an Open Forum Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Community Service building, South Post. See page 12 for more details.

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8th PERSCOM's Personnel Points

Assignment Satisfaction Key : Enlisted soldiers can now update assignment preferences and related information through a newly developed web application. This web application will be available through PERSCOM's website at www.perscom.army.mil or at EREC's website at www.erec.army.mil. Soldiers will use their Army Knowledge Online account password to access their records. Soldiers will be allowed to view their current assignment information and update the following information:

- * a. Personal contact information such as current home address, home phone number, duty phone number and email address.
- * b. Assignment Preference: The data the soldier inputs will be coupled with the army's needs in assigning the soldier when he or she must be reassigned. The soldier will choose two CONUS locations from a divisional installation listing and one CONUS location from a more comprehensive listing. In addition, the soldier will give three OCONUS preferences.
- * c. Assignment Volunteer: Soldiers may also volunteer for reassignment. The soldier must, of course, meet all normal criteria to be eligible for reassignment, but this option will allow the soldier to give his preference. Assignment managers will generally consider assignment volunteers over non-volunteers to fill requirements.
- * d. Specialty Duty Interest: the soldier may indicate any special interests or desires that may impact their assignment such as assignment as a drill sergeant or recruiter.

The goal of this new initiative is to see soldiers get more involved in managing their careers. Detailed information can be found on PERSCOM Online.

FSTE Website Improvements: The FSTE Web Site has been improved to make it easier for units and soldiers to check the status of Foreign Service Tour Extensions daily. The following changes have been made:

- * MSC name vs. code
- * MSC can pull up those that pertain to them (by pass word)
- * Soldiers can check his/her status by entering their SSN
- * Personnel Services Detachments can view those serviced by them

You still go to the 8th PERSCOM Internet Web site <http://www-8perscom.korea.army.mil>. You click on the new FSTE Web Site (will be linked directly to the site). At the FSTE Web System screen enter your userid and password (or SSN for individual soldier).

Postal Tip of the Week: Although our goal is to ensure that all express mail is delivered by the required date and time, we do have what we call "failures." That means that express mail does not reach its destination by the required deadline. When this occurs, the mailer should take the time to fill out a PS Form 3533 which is an application for postage refund. The mailer, who is the one who must file the form, needs the customer copy of the express mailing label that they received at the time of mailing. If you receive an express mail article which took too long to arrive, notify the mailer so he/she can file for the refund of postage. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your local post office. You may also call the Postal Operations Directorate at 724-3003. The phrase of the week is "use zip plus 4."

MP Blotter

The following entries were extracted from 2001 Yongsan and Area II Military Police blotter. Such entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

Family member was charged with damage to private property and underage drinking. Investigation revealed that the family member broke two windows of an off-post public telephone booth. Korean Police were notified, responded, apprehended the offender, and processed and released him to Military Police custody. While the offender was being transported to the MP station, a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was detected emitting from his person. Once at the MP station, the offender was processed and released to his sponsor. The family member is pending action by the

Installation Commander.

A Korea civilian and a NAF-3 employee were charged with conspiracy, wrongful possession of counterfeit document, counterfeiting and trafficking in counterfeit. Investigation revealed that the Korean civilian had purchased a DD FM 1173 (ID CARD) from the NAF-3 employee for W2,500,000, thinking he would be able to use it to access all the facilities on the Songnam Golf Course. While being interviewed the Korean civilian admitted he had purchased the ID card but was unable to use the DD FM 1173 because it was a counterfeit. He also stated he had tried to get his money back. Both individuals were charged processed and released, pending action by Korean authorities. The NAF employee is also pending action by the Installation Commander.

PMO Closures

Yongsan/Camp Kim Pass and ID, Vehicle Registration, and PMO Admin Offices will be closed Feb. 11-12 for the Lunar New Year and Feb. 18-19 for the Presidents' Day Holiday and USFK Training Holiday. For emergency assistance please contact the MP Desk, 724-4258.

Visitor Requirements

Visitors being signed onto Yongsan must have in their possession a Korean Identification Card, Korean Resident Alien Card, or a valid passport as a form of positive ID and proof of citizenship. When being signed on at the visitor centers, the KID or resident alien cards will be exchanged for a visitor pass. Bearers of passports will be permitted to retain their passport. However, after the visitor center personnel have verified the information in the passport, the visitor must provide another form of photo ID (such as a driver's license) to exchange for the visitor pass. Visitor centers for Yongsan are located at Gates 5, 10, 17, 20, and 52.

Hand phones and driving don't mix

Please drive safely! Use of cellular (hand) phones while driving is a violation of Korean traffic law and as well as USFK Reg 190-1. Korean National Police and US Military Police are monitoring and enforcing compliance. Please turn off your phone when driving, use a hands-free device or pull off the road and stop the vehicle prior to answering your phone.

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Holiday greetings, safety message



Colonel Steve T. Wilberger

The Republic of Korea will officially observe Sul-Nal (Lunar New Year) Feb. 11-13.

Approximately 30 million drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians will be on the roadways during this holiday and motorists should expect heavy traffic delays. Unfortunately, last year during this time, there were 1,889 traffic accidents, 85 fatalities and 3,556 injuries. Along with an increase in accidents, an increase in alcohol consumption was recorded.

Soldiers, civilians, and family members should be alert to unusual driving patterns or behavior and adjust to such conditions accordingly. While crossing the street, even at controlled crossing sites, be alert and make sure

any oncoming traffic will stop before entering the roadway.

To assist in minimizing risk to soldiers and equipment, Commanders in Area II should minimize non-mission critical, off-post military vehicle travel Feb. 8-14. Vehicle dispatches during this period should only be made after thorough mission analysis, completion of a risk assessment and briefing the vehicle crew.

In preparation for the Lunar New Year Holiday, I expect commanders and supervisors to brief their personnel on safety. Additionally, parents should ensure family members are safety conscious prior to the onset of the long weekend. To promote safety while off base, use the Buddy System. Let's all have a safe and enjoyable Lunar New Year.

"People First" "Safety Always"

Steve T. Wilberger
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Islamic Observances of Eid-ul-Adha

The Feast of Sacrifice and Haji Pilgrimage to Mecca

The approximate beginning date for Eid-UI-Adha is Feb 22-23. The exact beginning date will be available the evening before the lunar month begins because it is determined by the viewing of the crescent moon. Eid-UI-Adha falls on the tenth day of Dhul-Hijjah, the last month of the Islamic Calendar, following the completion of the course of Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca). While Eid is actually a 3-day observance, which is a part of the Hajj observance, it is also celebrated throughout the Muslim world in commemoration of the prophet Abraham. According to Islamic belief, Abraham sacrificed a ram when God spared him the sacrifice of his son Ishmael.

During the morning of the Eid, at sometime after sunrise and before the midday, a special congregational prayer is offered, followed by Khutbah (sermon) from the Imam of the community. A period of marked joy and happiness follows the prayers with a large feast given sometime during the day and continuous with related activities for the next two days.

A liberal leave/pass policy will be in effect for service members and DOD civilians for the celebration of Eid-UI-Adha during the period from Feb. 22-26.

For further information, contact the Islamic Imam: Chaplain (CPT) Mohammed Khan, at DSN 730-5108 or Cell 016-893-7191.

Warrant Officer Professional Development/Recruitment

By Joe Campbell

Command Information Officer

Eighth U.S. Army G4 is sponsoring a Warrant Officer Professional Development and a Warrant Officer requirement brief for noncommissioned officers. Chief Warrant Officers Bob Fairhurst and Gabriel Watts from the Warrant Officer Division at Army Personnel Command will be in Korea from Feb. 19 to Feb. 28. In addition to WOPD and the requirements briefing, one-on-one interviews are available for all Warrant Officers assigned to Korea. The team will have all Officer Record Briefs with them.

Briefings and WOPD for Areas II and III Warrant Officers will be on Feb. 25 and 26 at Commisky's and the G4 conference room respectively. For specific times and further information contact Chief Warrant Officer Harvey at 723-4434.

Yongsan, Area II barracks upgrade program

Area II Housing Division

The Barracks Upgrade Program is a Department of the Army initiative designed to convert many of the older, substandard barracks at installations around the world into modern barracks that enhance the quality of life of soldiers throughout the Army. Under this program, barracks buildings are upgraded to Army Standard 1+1 living modules, featuring larger, brighter living areas with microwaves and refrigerators, and a bathroom shared by no more than one other soldier. Each living unit is also equipped with new, modern furnishings, and each barracks building will have common use areas for bulk storage areas, mud rooms, laundry rooms, day rooms and vending areas.

Since BUP began in Korea in FY97, there have been 20 barracks buildings renovated on Yongsan Main Post, Camp Coiner, Camp Colbern, and K-16, resulting in more than 400 new, standard 1+1 barracks spaces for Area II. Most of the barracks buildings

renovated so far have been the two-story, metal-sided "PASCOE" buildings, originally constructed in the late 1970's to house 45 soldiers in 4 and 5 person open-bay rooms, with all of the soldiers on each floor sharing a single, common "gang latrine" type bathroom. In past years, minor upgrades and renovations attempted to keep these buildings livable, but problems with the heating and air conditioning, mold and mildew in the bathrooms and living areas, and numerous other hardships associated with close living reduced the quality of life of the occupants and added to the stress of soldiers assigned a long way from their homes.

Under BUP, these older buildings were rebuilt into an entirely new configuration, resulting in modern, individual living units designed to guarantee each soldier a minimum of 118 square feet of individual living space and a bathroom shared only with his/her module mate. The original renovation design for the

"PASCOE" BUPs created 19 individual living spaces with each bedroom having a total of 222 square feet of usable space. All of the "PASCOE" BUP buildings completed prior to 2000 were configured in this design. Unfortunately, because each of these living spaces is so large, many commands have temporarily elected to assign two junior enlisted soldiers to each room, resulting in a higher density living than intended (four soldiers share a bathroom), but still better than the original gang style barracks.

In October 2000, four of these "PASCOE" barracks buildings — Buildings 1407, 1408, 1571 and 1626 on Yongsan's Main Post — were turned over to BUP with a new design intended to increase the number of individual bedrooms created from 19 to 29. Because of this new configuration — which results in more, but smaller living spaces — and in view of the increasing emphasis to provide more on-post housing for our junior

Noncommissioned Officers soldiers, the installation has elected to configure these new barracks to support the junior NCO community. Each junior NCO is authorized two living spaces (or one standard 1+1 module), and so each module will be furnished with one bedroom suite and one living room area. Junior NCOs currently living in the barracks who will be displaced with the next round of BUP renovations, or who are newly assigned to the Yongsan area will be assigned to these new barracks. These buildings are currently under construction, and are expected to be ready for occupancy within the next 60 days.

The BUP will not cure all of the junior enlisted housing challenges overnight, but it is improving the quality of life for our soldiers, and will continue to provide decent, adequate accommodations totally in line with the Army's and the Department of Defense housing goals.

Celebrating 'Black History'

By Kenneth Carter

345G Equal Opportunity

February is nationally recognized as African American Black History month. The birthdays and achievements of African American pioneers, institutions and other civil rights activists such as Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. Dubois, Langston Hughes, Eubie Blake, the National Advancement Association of Colored People and the first Pan African Congress are celebrated. A full appreciation of the celebration of Black History Month requires a review and a reassessment of the social and academic climate that prevailed in the military services and civilian

population in America from the years of slavery up to the "Great Depression."

Between 1619 and 1926, African Americans along with other minority groups were seldom recognized for contributions made to society. Within

"As we celebrate African American History month, let us commit ourselves to raising awareness and appreciation of African American history."

the public and private sector, African Americans and their ancestors were continually degraded and thought of as non-citizens and fractions of the

human race. The academic and intellectual community was no different from the bulk of mainstream America. People of African descent were visibly absent in any scholarship or intellectual discourse that dealt with human civilization. For these reasons, it is necessary to examine the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultural and political experience of the masses of African Americans, their ancestors and other minority groups.

In military and civilian communities, a variety of programs including lectures, exhibitions, banquets and a host of cultural activities are presented

throughout the month of February to commemorate the occasion. But these revelations have not changed the attitudes of those members of society who still view minorities as less than equal. Behavior may be controlled by laws, but attitudes can only change through education and the elimination of ignorance.

"As we celebrate African American History Month, let us commit ourselves to raising awareness and appreciation of African American history," said Maj. Gen. Barry D. Bates, commanding general, 19th Theater Support Command in his 2002 proclamation letter. "Let us teach our soldiers, and all Americans, to rise above brutality and bigotry and to be champions of liberty, human dignity and equality."

Gearing up for 'Courageous Channel'

USFK Press Release

United States Forces Korea will conduct Courageous Channel 2002-1; a semi-annual Noncombatant Evacuation Operation exercise March 7-9. Courageous Channel is a regularly scheduled exercise. It is unrelated to any current or specific event.

This exercise will test the command's NEO plans and procedures for registration, relocation and evacuation from the Republic of Korea.

The goal of this Courageous Channel is to process 100 percent of our Department of Defense-affiliated noncombatant community. The key to making that goal is ensuring people know about it. Our challenge is personnel turnover, which means new family members and other noncombatant evacuation eligibles arrive regularly. This requires these new members of our communities to take the time to process through one of our evacuation control centers, according to Lt. Col. Phillip A. Sargent, Chief, USFK Joint NEO Branch.

Prior to the assembly operations at evacuation control centers March 7-9, NEO wardens are required to contact all their families and complete a 100 percent inspection of NEO packets and kits, Sargent said.

During the exercise, approximately 100 volunteer noncombatants from

several areas in the ROK will be relocated and evacuated to the exercise safe haven off peninsula. Volunteers will assemble in designated areas on the peninsula and depart on military aircraft March 8 from Osan and Kimhae air bases for Kadena, Okinawa. The noncombatants will return 10 March. The purpose of this exercise is to practice our ability to relocate and evacuate noncombatants to safe havens off the Korean peninsula. It also provides the participating noncombatants with useful information that they can relay to other noncombatants on what to expect during NEO.

The participation of noncombatants is the most important aspect of any NEO training. Although we experienced great success in the past, the goal remains 100 percent participation during our Courageous Channel exercises. This will help in providing realistic training for both our military personnel who execute the mission and noncombatant personnel who must know what to do in an actual crisis situation, according to Lt. Col. Carl Porter, Operations and Plans Officer, Joint NEO Branch.

It is mandatory for all DoD-affiliated noncombatants, including non-emergency essential U.S. Government employees and contractors, to participate in the Courageous Channel

exercise. Military retirees are also encouraged to participate. The participants will process through the Evacuation Control Centers to verify the completeness and accuracy of NEO packets and to become familiar with processing procedures.

"It's extremely important for sponsors, NEO wardens and noncombatants to work together and have their paperwork and NEO kits prepared and ready for any emergency," Porter said.

To be eligible for evacuation assistance, noncombatants must be U.S. citizens, immediate family members of U. S. citizens, or legal permanent residents of the United States. Noncombatants should carry the appropriate official documents to verify their eligibility. In an actual NEO situation these documents help establish a temporary or permanent residence off the peninsula. These documents may include passports; military or U.S. government identification cards; birth certificates; marriage licenses; naturalization certificates or alien registration cards (green cards).

An actual NEO may require thousands of noncombatants to travel for several days on very short notice. Each family should prepare and keep ready a NEO kit for this or a similar situation. The NEO kit, usually a

backpack or other sturdy carryall should contain emergency supplies that allow a family to travel for several days on short notice. A folder or NEO packet with documents proving eligibility for evacuation and documents that support the family's immediate relocation to the continental United States should also be hand-carried. Emergency supplies in the NEO kits should include a three-day supply of lightweight, high energy, ready-to-eat food. Some recommended items are; bottled water; a 30-day supply of prescription medication; a small transistor radio, flashlight, with extra batteries; toiletries; and a three-day supply of baby formula, diapers and other baby hygiene items for noncombatants with infants. This suggested list of items is not all-inclusive and can be modified to tailor to the noncombatants needs. Keep in mind during an evacuation a noncombatant is allowed up to 66 pounds in luggage.

CC 2002-1 will also exercise the NEO Tracking System. The purpose of exercising the NTS is to evaluate operator proficiency and demonstrate performance improvements in the system's ability to track noncombatants as they move through the evacuation process from Korea to the repatriation sites in the continental United States. This is a joint training exercise that will involve the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

NEO reminder

For Department of Defense-affiliated noncombatants, please see your unit NEO warden to complete unit NEO kits. If all family members have not received their protective masks, a new shipment of masks has just been received at the Central Issue Facility.

CIF hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a memorandum signed by the soldier's company commander with family members' names and sizes of the masks needed. There are three types of masks available. Infants between the ages of 0-3 require infant masks, children between the ages of 3-8 require children's masks, and the standard M17 mask is for ages 8 and up. The standard M17 mask comes in 5 sizes: extra small, small, medium, large and extra large. For more information, call Master Sgt. Guindin at 738-7221

DoDDS inclement weather school plans

Bruce W. Jeter

DoDDS-Korea Superintendent

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the procedures for a delayed school start and/or an early release at Yongsan Garrison. When hazardous weather is in the forecast, please monitor the radio and the American Forces Network Korea Television Channel. The 34th Support Group will assess the roads throughout the day and night and work closely with the Korean police to provide the most accurate information on the weather and road conditions. They will also send out a bus to make a run in the early morning hours to monitor road conditions. If the roads are deemed to be safe enough by the installation commander or designee then school will start on a normal schedule.

Delayed Start: If the installation commander or designee feels there is a potential safety hazard he/she will contact the superintendent or designee to discuss the most up-to-date information regarding safety for both on and off base accessibility to the schools. If it is determined there is a hazard, the superintendent or designee will inform the installation commander that there is a delayed start or school is closed. There may also be a combination of a delayed start with an example of a one-hour delay for DoDDS employees and a two-hour delay for DoDDS students. There could

also be a two-hour delay for both employees and students. The delay time means that the start time of school has been adjusted by that time. An example would be that if school is on a one-hour delay and normally starts at 8 a.m. then school would begin at 9 a.m.

Early Release: If the weather presents a hazard during the school day the superintendent or designee will confer with the installation commander or designee to coordinate the early release of students. Every effort will be made to announce the early release through as many communication channels as possible. It is imperative that parents and/or guardians ensure that emergency contact information is as up-to-date as possible for a potential early release. The elementary school has requested as part of their enrollment process that if you must be notified before an early release that you provide that to the school in writing. Otherwise, all students will be released at a designated time. This is critical for our young children, as we want to make every effort to ensure that when students arrive at their homes that supervision is available. This is also critical for our walkers and students who do not ride the bus. The elementary school needs

to know who will pick up or walk home with your child in this case. It could be a parent, guardian, age appropriate sibling (18 years of age or older unless prior arrangements have been made for a middle or high school sibling to escort), or an emergency contact you designate. In the case of a small child who does not have supervision and there is a question for their safety, they will be returned to the school or other designated area. At this point all efforts will be made to contact the parents or guardian. You can call your child's school or the Bus Transportation Office (PACTMO) if your child does not report home in a timely manner.

Road Conditions: The South Korea Road Conditions are considered in the decision for a normal school start, delayed start and early release. School will begin on normal schedule under **green** road conditions. **Amber** road conditions could be either a normal school start or delayed start and this will be identified by radio and television communication. There will be no school during **red** road or **black** road

conditions.

Contingency Plans: I realize that many of our off base students, employees and their families live in areas that are more hazardous than others. Please develop your own family contingency plans for hazardous weather. In doing so, you might want to consider issues like your best walking route or alternate ways to get to and from your home. Realize that sometimes it may be safer to walk than to drive your own vehicle due to the many steep hills, narrow roads, dead-end roads and dense traffic areas. Identify a safe place to ride the bus or catch a cab. Use the buddy system so you have someone with you in case something happens. Have high school and middle school students to remember to pick up elementary siblings on early release days and escort them to school on delayed school starts. Note that while the main roads may be clear it could still be hazardous in some of our housing areas. Thank you for working closely with the schools to make sure the priority is safety first.

<u>School</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone#</u>
SAES	Ms. Laurie Pritzl	736-4613/4378
SAMS	Mr. Dan Beavers	736-7364/7337
SAHS	Ms. Kathleen Lee	797-3667/3666 (Commercial)
Transportation	Mr. Charles Morgan	738-5032/4539
Superintendent's Office	Ms. Margo Gamble	738-6826/5922

ROKA Command Sgt. Maj. Park retires

By Command Sgt. Maj. Kim Jong-kuk

Area II RSO office

The Republic of Korea Army Support Group held a retirement ceremony for Command Sgt. Maj. Park, Hwa Kyung, on Jan. 31, at the ROKA Support Group building.

Park was born in Mokpo, Jeounla namdo, and served in the Army for more than 36 years.

Park served in the 13th Engineer Battalion, 7th Division, 79th Artillery Bn., 1st Heavy Construction Engineer Bn., ROKA, 21st Div. Engineer Bn., Calvary Bn., Capital Mechanized Div., 5th Armor Brigade, and 17th Aviation Bde. While serving in these units, Park has accomplished many achievements throughout a career that culminated in his assignment as the Area II Command Sgt. Maj. for the ROKA at Yongsan.

"The achievements and loyalty which Command Sgt. Maj. Park has shown us will be treasured in the history of the Republic of Korea Army. He will be remembered as a great soldier in our minds forever," said Col. Park Hee Man, commander, ROKA Support Group.

Park's achievements include:

- * Improving the relationship between Korean Augmentation to the United States Army soldiers and US soldiers in the 34th Support Group by serving as a vital intermediary whenever there was a misunderstanding or a conflict. Through

his dedication and support, he contributed to a smoother interaction and coordination between the ROKA and the US Army.

- * Carrying out the task of successful integration of KATUSA soldiers into their respective units and successfully executed combined military operations.

- * Giving classes on military discipline and law throughout units in Area II, 26 times per year, and he increased interaction between the ROK and US Armies, thereby creating a closer friendship between them.

- * Working on overall planning, coordinating and executing the KATUSA week held annually in May. He coordinated with numerous guest performers at opening ceremonies which provided entertainment for the entire Area II community and led to the development of closer ties between ROK and US soldiers in Area II.

- * His outstanding performance of



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Lieutenant Col. Lee Jae Yool, Area II Senior ROKA Staff Officer, Command Sgt. Maj. Park Hwa Kyung, retired Sgt. Maj. for Area II, Col. Park Hee Man, Commander, ROKA Support Group and Command Sgt. Maj. Park Sung Ki, celebrate Park's retirement ceremony.

duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the ROKA, the spirit of Republic of Korea and United States military relations.

As a result of his outstanding performance, the 8th U.S. Army commander honored Command Sgt.

Maj. Park with a Meritorious Service Medal.

Command Sgt. Maj. Park also received the Kwang-bok Medal, the highest peacetime medal awarded to Republic of Korea soldiers.

Editor's Note: Cpl. Han Yoon-koo, associate editor, translated this article.

No safe harbors!

By Chaplain (Col.) Mark Frentress
34th Support Group and Area II Staff Chaplain

“Fear not, for I am with thee always!”
- Isaiah 41:10 -

Someone once wrote that man was not made for safe harbors, and I believe that to be true. Just take a quick “double take” at CNN or the often dangerous and challenging world we live in, and the truth of this observation becomes quite apparent.

Of course, we can respond to this kind of world in either of two ways: with Faith or with fear. If we choose fear, we build a fortress of illusion around us which we think will protect us - only to discover later, this overly cautious approach to life has robbed us of the joy of living.

On the other hand, if we are to learn, to advance, to dare to grow, then we must be willing to launch out with Faith in God into the dark unknown. You see, we Believers have an advantage in uncharted waters because we have a Guide and an

Eternal Friend who gives us the courage and Faith to risk pressing on to places and frontiers yet unexplored. The Good Lord will see you through every trial, and in the end bring you safely to port.

Friends, you can trust Him for He promises in His word: “Fear not, I am with you always!”

Prayer: Lord, when I am tempted to play it safe in life, remind me that You didn’t. Grant me a daring Faith like Your’s. This we pray in the name of the Lord our God. Amen.



Chaplain (Col.) Mark Frentress is the 34th Support Group and Area II Staff Chaplain.

Yongsan/Area II Worship Services

Distinctive Faith Group Services

- Episcopal
Sunday 10 a.m. Memorial Chapel
- Lutheran Communion Worship
Sunday 11 a.m. 121 General Hospital
- United Pentecostal Church International (UPCI)
Sunday 1:30 p.m. Memorial Chapel
- Church of Christ (Non Instrumental)
Sunday 2 p.m. South Post Chapel
- Interdenominational (Spirit Filled) Worship Service (IDWS)
Sunday 4 p.m. Memorial Chapel
- New Life Fellowship (Charismatic)
Sunday 5 p.m. South Post Chapel

Protestant

- Sunday 8 a.m. Memorial Chapel
(Weekly Communion)
- Sunday 9:30 a.m. 121 General Hospital
- Sunday 9:30 a.m. Hannam Village Chapel (Korean)
- Sunday 10 a.m. “Rock” Balboni Theater
- Sunday 10:15 a.m. South Post Chapel
- Sunday 10:30 a.m. K-16 Community Chapel
- Sunday 11 a.m. Hannam Village Chapel
- Sunday Noon South Post Chapel (Gospel)
- Sunday 7 p.m. Camp Colbern Chapel

Islamic

- Friday Noon South Post Chapel

Jewish

- Friday 7:30 p.m. South Post Chapel
- Saturday 10 a.m. South Post Chapel

ROK Army / Korean

- ROK Army Catholic Mass
2nd Tuesday Noon Memorial Chapel
- ROK Army & KATUSA Service
Tuesday 6 p.m. Camp Colbern Chapel
- Wednesday 8 p.m. K-16 Community Chapel
- Thursday 6 p.m. Memorial Chapel
- Korean Christian Fellowship Association
3rd Tuesday 11:45 a.m. Memorial Chapel

Catholic

- Sunday 8:30 a.m. South Post Chapel
- Tuesday 12:05 p.m. 121 General Hospital
- Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri 12:05 p.m. Memorial Chapel
- Saturday 5 p.m. Memorial Chapel
- Sunday Noon Memorial Chapel

For more information or points of contact call:

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| 34th Support Group Chaplain's Office: | 738-3011 |
| South Post Chapel | 738-6054 |
| Memorial Chapel | 725-8176 |
| Hannam Village Chapel | 723-4523 |
| 121 Hospital Chapel | 737-5000 |
| K-16 Chapel | 741-6687 |
| Camp Colbern Chapel | 722-4442 |
| 8th U.S. Army Religious Retreat Center | 723-7593 |

**This list does not represent all services and programs in Area II.

Purim Party 5762

- * Place: Religious Retreat Center in Chapel
- * Time: Feb. 25, 7 p.m.
- * Hear the “Scroll of Esther”
- * Eat Humantashin (Korean style)
- * Fun for all!
- * Kids come in a Costume, and the adults make a “Li’chaim!”
- * For more information contact Rabbi (Chaplain) Asher Ehrenpreis at 749-4845 or e-mail at rabbie36@hotmail.com

Buying large items? Think ahead!

By Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Gregory

AAFES PAO

A large screen television would look great in anyone's room or home. Or maybe a new stereo system, complete with all the accessories, would fill that empty corner. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service catalog and local stores offer many of these items in all different makes, models and of course sizes.

For many in Korea it's the size of the item we'd like to purchase that brings to light a few questions that should be answered before bringing home that new stereo. First, just how do you get a stereo system with 6-foot tall speakers into a car trunk, backseat or better yet, into a taxi. Next, most people will want to know if the 60-inch television they'd like to have will put them overweight for their household goods weight allowance.

AAFES wants customers to be pleased with their purchases and not regret buying an item they couldn't get home just because it didn't fit into the trunk of a car. Remember when purchasing large items to take into account your mode of transportation. If using the AAFES Taxi Service, don't unpack the item to transport it this way. Remember also, the driver isn't responsible for breakage of items and it may still not fit in the taxi even

without the packaging materials. Also be sure to verify the weight of an item. Even if it can easily be transported, it may still be too heavy for one person to lift.

The Main Exchange does not offer a delivery service for large items. If transporting the item yourself, be sure to have plenty of help and the right tools necessary for the job. Or you can arrange for transportation and delivery of items with the A-Frame Delivery Service.

This service is available in Yongsan through the South Post Furniture Mart. Most large items are kept at the Camp Kim Warehouse, so be sure to ask a sales associate to get the dimensions and weight of an item for you before attempting to pick the item up yourself. In Osan customers needing delivery of large items can also use the A-Frame Delivery Service. For information about delivery service at any exchange ask an AAFES associate at the store and they will be sure to point you in the right direction.

Another program available here in Korea for AAFES shoppers is the managers' Shuttle Program. When customers visit other exchanges throughout Korea and find the perfect television but don't want to haul it on the bus back home, they can request

the item through their Base Exchange and it can be shuttled to them at no charge from the location they found it at. Remember though the delivery time may vary. A television being shuttled from the Osan exchange to Camp Stanley probably won't arrive the next day. Check with the store managers for more details on how this program works.

Now that your new large screen television is in your home, the next question to ask is how much does it weigh and will it fit in your household goods. The dimensions of any item will be listed on the packing materials, to include weight. If unsure of your weight allowance contact your local transportation office to verify the amount you can ship when it is time to leave.

For servicemembers stationed or on temporary duty overseas the AAFES catalog offers some large items that can be ordered for delivery to a stateside address. Currently, Congress does not allow the exchange service to sell televisions over 32 inches in stateside stores. Being able to purchase these items while serving overseas is just another benefit for AAFES customers.

Items restricted to overseas customers are identified in the catalog with a red star. These items can also be purchased here in Korea through the

exchange information desk. These purchases can be made during an authorized customers tour, or up to 45 days after they return stateside. A copy of the servicemembers orders for overseas duty will need to accompany the catalog order for verification.

The type of shipping a customer chooses will determine the delivery timeframe. Most large items are shipped as freight and are designated by a truck symbol or a red square. These items can only be shipped to stateside addresses and can vary by location. Normally items can be expected for delivery in seven to 14 days.

For standard and freight shipments the shipping charges are included in the price. Customers can expect an extra charge for priority shipment. The charge will be listed next to the price in the catalog.

If, for some reason, you need to return an item purchased through the catalog from an overseas location you can take it to any exchange store for a full refund of the cost and customs fees if applicable.

AAFES strives to provide its customers with the best service and benefits possible. Allowing overseas customers the opportunity to purchase large items and not have to worry about shipping them home is just one of those benefits.

Live radio Town Hall Meeting for Area II

By Joe Campbell

Command Information Officer

The Area II commander will host the quarterly "live" radio call-in town hall meeting today from 9 to 10 a.m. on AFN Eagle FM 102.7.

Do you want to make a difference in Area II? Then there's an opportunity for you to make that difference. Members of the community are invited to call in their concerns. Subject matter experts will be on hand to answer questions. Representatives from the Directorate of Public Works, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Provost

Marshals office, Postal facility, Army Community Service, Department of Defense Public Schools and others will be available to assist with your concerns.

This is your opportunity to speak directly with those who can make a difference. Korean national employees are encouraged to also call in their concerns, and may ask questions in the Korean language. An interpreter will be available to take their calls in the Korean language.

The numbers to call are 738-7040/41/42/45, or if calling from Hannam Village or off post dial 7918-7040/41/42/45.

Where girls grow strong

Girls Scouts, West Pacific has officially recognized Seoul Lone Troop Committee for outstanding achievement by surpassing 2001 membership goals by serving 23 percent of the available girls and increasing girl membership by 25 percent.

If you are interested in becoming a part of a highly successful organization by joining Girl Scouts or would like to volunteer, call Sabrina Toupe 749-3621.

AAFES Open Forum/Sensing Session

AAFES will conduct an Open Forum/Sensing Session 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Feb. 14 at the Community Services Building, building 4106, South Post, conference room. This forum is open to the general public. Those interested in attending can contact SFC Lisa Gregory at 738-6357.

Feb. 8 -Feb. 14

Feb. 8	Orange County	PG13	Fri. 6 & 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	PG	Sat. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
Feb. 10	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	PG	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
Feb. 11	The Wash	R	Mon. 7 p.m.
Feb. 12	The Wash	R	Tue. 7 p.m.
Feb. 13	Spy Game	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
Feb. 14	Spy Game	R	Thu. 7 p.m.

Feb. 15 - Feb. 21

Feb. 15	The One	PG 13	Fri. 6 & 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Monsters. Inc	G	Sat. 2, 5, 8 p.m.
Feb. 17	The Others	PG 13	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
Feb. 18	Glass House	PG 13	Mon. 4 & 7 p.m.
Feb. 19	Out Cold	PG 13	Tue. 4 & 7 p.m.
Feb. 20	Black Knight	PG 13	Wed. 4 & 7 p.m.
Feb. 21	Black Knight	PG 13	Thu. 4 & 7 p.m.

"The One"

Starring
Jet Li, Delroy Lindo

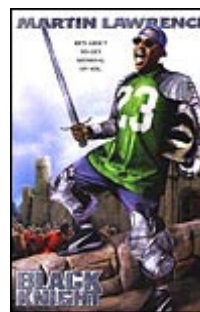


THE ONE, a supernatural action bonanza from director James Wong, stars martial arts expert Jet Li. With high-tech special effects and innovative choreography, the film places Li in various battle scenarios fighting against his equal--actually, his double, an evil version of himself living from another reality.

Rated: PG-13

"Black Knight"

Starring
Martin Lawrence, Tom Wilkinson



Fast-talking con man Jamal Walker has big-time plans--but for now he's stuck in a menial job at a medieval theme park. After slipping into the park's fetid "moat," Jamal finds himself in 14th century England--a world of knights in shining armor, a wicked king and damsels in distress. The Middle Ages will never be the same after Jamal uses his 21st Century street smarts and attitude to help a down-and-out knight and a beautiful woman defeat an evil king.

Rated: PG-13

Post celebrates Super B

Jonathan Del Marcus

Editor

Yongsan and Area II soldiers who attended on-post functions during the training holiday Feb. 4, were treated to fun and festivities as many gathered at several sites to watch Super Bowl XXXVI between the St. Louis Rams and the New England Patriots.

American Forces Network, Korea provided television coverage of the Super Bowl at Balboni Theater, Bentley's and Naija Ballroom at the Dragon Hill Lodge, Commiskey's and the Navy Club.

Other Area II installations showing the game included Camp Colbern and K-16. Both showed the game at their community clubs. Morale, Welfare

and Recreation and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers jointly sponsored the event at Camp Colbern. MWR sponsored the event at the Recreation Center at K-16 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11016 sponsored the event at the K-16 Community Club.

At Yongsan's Balboni Theater, the game was projected on its large movie screen. MWR sponsored the event at Balboni, in conjunction with Army and Air Force Exchange Service, AT&T, Cable TV, Dong Ah Hotel Sorak and AFN Korea Radio102.7 FM-The Eagle. Numerous vendors also donated prizes. AAFES ran the food concessions. Pam L. Petty, MWR coordinator, served as the master of

ceremonies. A number of volunteers helped support the event.

The Balboni Theater was specially decorated for the Super Bowl. Banners of teams winning past Super Bowls hung on the walls. Little mats with football fields on them were placed in the aisles.

Many people waited in line for hours for the doors to open at 6 a.m. The first four people in line were entered into the drawing for a Sony 53-inch flat-screen television. The first person in line showed up in front of Balboni Theater at 9 a.m. Sunday morning, almost a full day before the Super Bowl.

"I did it just for the fun of the sport," said Pfc. Bobby J. Johnson, communication security repairer

specialist, Headquarters Company, 532nd Military Intelligence Battalion. When asked about having the day off from duty, he said, "The word we know to use for that is Hooah."

"I was out here at 10:30 a.m. yesterday. I've got two sleeping bags and a cot," said Spc. Chris R. Grant, personnel specialist, 18th Medical Command.

The game served as only a small part of a morning filled with prize giveaways including DVD players, videocassette recorders, boom boxes, Walkman's, palm pilots, team jerseys, jackets, blankets, helmets, belt buckles and ties.

As the first thirty people in line filed into the auditorium at 6 a.m., they were

Sports Commentary

An Army of One: Reflections on the Super Bowl

Jonathan Del Marcus

Editor

In one of the most exciting Super Bowls ever played, the New England Patriots beat the heavily favored St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI in the New Orleans Superdome Feb. 3.

The underdog Patriots, given little chance to win by the so-called experts, shocked the football world to win their first National Football League Championship in franchise history.

With the score tied 17-17 in the fourth quarter, the Patriots drove up the field in the game's final minute, setting up Adam Vinatieri's 48-yard game winning field goal as time expired in regulation play.

What distinguished the Patriots victory was their dedication to one word: teamwork. Teamwork is a concept that the United States Armed Forces know means the difference between success and failure in any mission.

As early as the pre-game introductions, the Patriots made a statement that they intended to place the best interests of the team ahead of individual recognition. While the St. Louis Rams chose to introduce their offensive starters by name (the usual Super Bowl method is to introduce either a team's offensive or defensive starters by name) the Patriots unselfishly decided to take the field as a group, without a public address announcement of anyone's name.

The Patriots charged onto the field as an 'Army of One,' stating by implication that the game would be won together as one team in one fight. Led by their field general Head Coach Bill Belichick, the Patriots bedeviled the Rams with confusing defensive schemes.

No matter how insignificant each Patriot player may have seemed, each one contributed to the success of the team. When players put the team first, any goal can be accomplished.

As members of our respective military services, the Patriots can remind us of what we already know. When we act as an 'Army of One,' with each individual contributing to the larger unit, there is no mountain that we cannot move – together, as a team.



Fans cheer a St. Louis Rams touchdown at Bentley's at the Dragon Hill



PHOTO BY CPL. HAN YOON-KOO

Many of those in attendance at Balboni Theater played a table football game.

Bowl with fun, festivities

handed compact discs. The name of their prize was written on the back of the disc.

Additionally, the first 50 people who entered the auditorium received door prizes.

"We are giving out door prizes as the people walk in," said Sua Jun, community events coordinator, 34th Support Group.

Also, games such as table football and a football pool were played from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m.

"We'll probably have a total of about 15 contests today. We have a structured set of contests and, whenever we can, we sneak a minute on the stage and do other unscheduled contests," said Petty.

During Super Bowl time-outs, contests were held where the first person to bring a requested item to the stage won a prize. Some of the requested items included a Leave and Earnings Statement, a Vermont driver's license and a highlighter. There was also a candy-eating contest, a Coke-drinking contest, an adult end zone dance contest, a children's end zone dance contest and a Heisman Trophy pose contest among many others.

All those who entered the auditorium were issued tickets and many received prizes when numbers called during time-outs during the Super Bowl matched theirs.

Master Sgt. Wayne Spikes, law enforcement noncommissioned officer

in charge, 8th Military Police Battalion won the drawing for the 53-inch flat-screen television.

"This is fabulous. Those who put this together did a great job. I had great fun," Spikes said after the game.

"When we leave here today, tomorrow afternoon when we get to work, we will reserve this theater for next year. It takes a week to do all the decorations, through Service Division, Directorate of Community Activities. They come in, hang all the flags, and we solicit for volunteers. We have volunteers from 34th Support Group, MWR and BOSS personnel. The night before the Super Bowl, all of the volunteers come in and do all of the things you see," Petty said.

At Bentley's at the Dragon Hill Lodge, a contest was held where people were asked to predict the final score of the game. A \$50 gift certificate to Sable's Restaurant was presented to the winner. Team jackets and blankets were also given away.

At both Balboni Theater and Bentley's, fans of both teams cheered their teams. While the New England Patriots eventually won the Super Bowl, at least one fan believed that both teams were winners.

"Both teams are winners because they're the best, and they represent a winning attitude just like our soldiers," said Rick Gorman, manager, Dragon Hill Lodge.



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Lodge.

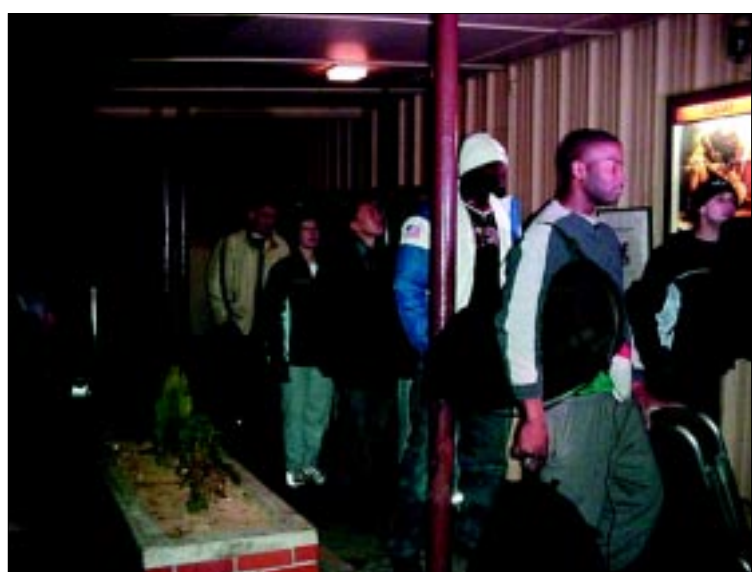


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Prior to 6 a.m., soldiers wait in line to enter Balboni Theater.



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Pfc. Bobby G. Johnson, communication security repairer, Headquarters Company, 532nd Military Intelligence Battalion, right, and Spc. Chris R. Grant, personnel specialist, 18th Medical Command, wait in line outside Balboni Theater Feb. 4.



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Lt. Col. Aubrey Waddell, pharmacy consultant, 18th Medical Command, and his wife Debbie, contemplate the football pool.

"Seol-nal," from Page 1

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A ritualistic bow is performed during 'Sebae' and 'charye' to respect the elders and the ancestors.

away are usually visited during this time.

On 'Seol-nal,' families also visit their ancestors' graves. The whole family lines up, from aged senior to the youngest child, to bow before their ancestors. The seniors in the family then can usually be convinced to tell stories that they remember about some of the family ancestors.

Customs of 'Seol-nal'*** Pokchori**

Pokchori is a straw scoop that was used in the past to strain sand from rice before it was cooked. In earlier times, just before dawn on

Lunar New Year's Day, many pokchori vendors could be seen selling pokchori to be hung on the wall for good luck. Having a new pokchori means that you could scoop out a good fortune for the New Year.

*** Burning Hair**

According to Confucianism, a person's body is a gift from their ancestors and it should never be abused or changed. This also includes the prohibition of cutting one's hair. In the past, men and women would save any hairs that fell out during the year in a comb box. On New Year's Day, they would burn it, believing that it would bring good luck to them.

*** Driving away the Yagwanggi Ghost**

A Yagwanggi is a special kind of ghost that comes to earth on the New Year's Eve to steal any shoes they can find which would fit them. Anyone who loses their shoes on the New Year's Eve would bring them bad luck for the upcoming year. In order to stop this from happening, a sieve is left with one's shoes every New Year's Eve.

According to the legend,



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Women enjoy the game of 'Nul-tti-gi' during 'Seol-nal.' This game can be played with two people jumping up and down and back and forth at the end of see-saw like an object.

when the Yagwanggi comes to steal shoes, he finds the sieve first and would count the holes in the sieves. The sieve has so many holes, however, that the ghost becomes confused and must keep counting the holes until dawn comes. When the dawn comes, the ghost gets frustrated with counting the holes, and returns back to his home without the shoes he came for.

Games played in 'Seol-nal'

Korean people usually enjoy kite flying, the 'Yut' game, spinning a top, 'Nul-tti-gi' and sledding on the Lunar New Year's Day. The 'Yut' game is probably the most popular game among them.

'Yut' is played with four semi-circular wooden sticks, which are tossed lightly upward and allowed to fall freely. Based on the number of flat sides showing, the player moves his markers around a rectangular-shaped playing board. The object of the game is to bring all four markers around to home first, while avoiding being knocked off by another player. If the marker gets knocked off, it automatically goes to the starting point. The outcome of 'Yut' was believed to predict the future prospects of farming in Korea. While its value as a predictive tool for farming is not now widely believed, 'Yut' remains a popular game.

Food to eat during**'Seol'**

There are lots of foods you can choose from during 'Seol' that it is hard to avoid the temptation. 'Ttok' (rice cake), meat fritters, dried persimmons, a variety of fruits, walnuts, vegetables, traditional cookies represent food in 'Seol.' However, the most representative food is 'Ttok kuk' (rice cake soup) because Koreans believe that you add one year of age by eating this soup. If you don't eat the soup, you will stay the same age. In fact, a Korean's age is calculated on the Lunar New Year, not on their birthdays.

Editor's Note: This information was derived from the Korean National Tourism Organization.



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'Yut' is played with four semi-circular wooden sticks, which are tossed lightly upward and allowed to fall freely. The first person to get all of his markers around the playing board wins the game.

"EXPLORER," from Page 1

procedures, first aid, firearm safety, fingerprinting, radio procedures and communications.

"They have Reserve Officer Training Corps and other programs through schools, but this is something different," said Tina Zettlemoyer, EXPLORER advisor. "[This program] works three ways. It helps the young adults, the military police and the

community."

"I want to be a cop," said Scott Bellone, freshman, Seoul

"...purpose of the EXPLORER program is to promote growth and development in young adults"

American High School. "I want to put away bad people."

"I want to be an Army Ranger and I also want to be on the Special Reaction Team," said

Anthony Foti, sophomore, SAHS. "I was inspired by the movie Black Hawk Down."

All EXPLORER training is given by certified instructors and specially trained selected law enforcement personnel. The 94th MP EXPLORERS meets every first and fourth Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the 94th MP Bn. classroom. For more information or to join the program, call 724-4056.



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Staff Sgt. Robert Stewart, Traffic NCOIC, explains the consequences of DUI to three young men who attended the 94th MP EXPLORERS.

Presidents' Day explained



43rd President George W. Bush

By Jonathan Del Marcus

Editor

Area II will observe Presidents' Day Feb. 18, a Federal holiday. Offices will be closed and servicemembers and civilians will have a chance to enjoy the day-off from work.

Why do we as Americans celebrate this holiday? Do we honor all presidents of the United States or just one president or several presidents?

The holiday has an interesting history. As celebrated now, Presidents' Day honors all past presidents of the United States. Prior to 1971, however, there were two holidays in February that honored the birthdays of two of the most influential presidents in American history, George Washington, the first President of the United States, and Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States.

Both of these presidents' birthdays occur 10 days apart during the month of February. President Washington was born Feb. 22, 1732, and President Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809.

Only Washington's birthday, however, was recognized as a federal holiday. Several states did observe Lincoln's birthday as a state holiday, but it was never recognized as a separate federal holiday.

Some of the accomplishments of both Washington and Lincoln deserve special mention.

Before becoming president, George Washington commanded the American Army during the Revolutionary War. With Washington as its commanding general, the Army, largely comprised of civilians with little or no military training, proved heroically successful against a numerically superior and professionally trained force of British soldiers. Later, as president, Washington led the fledgling democracy through early growing pains with his documented steadfast moral and intellectual leadership.

During Lincoln's presidency, the nation was engaged in yet another war. The Civil War, which was fought between the northern and southern states, also known as the Union and the Confederacy, was an especially painful chapter in American history.

Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address Nov. 19, 1863, at a ceremony to establish a national monument at the Gettysburg battlefield. While his speech was largely disregarded at the time, it has been considered one of the classic pieces, if not the most important and beautiful piece of writing in American history. He is also remembered for the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 which abolished slavery. He was assassinated just five days after the Civil War had ended in 1865.

The United States has observed this single Presidents' Day as a Federal holiday since 1971. Then-President Richard M. Nixon designated the third Monday in February as an observance honoring all past presidents of the United States. The holiday, however, has still retained a special association with the birthdays of President Washington and President Lincoln.

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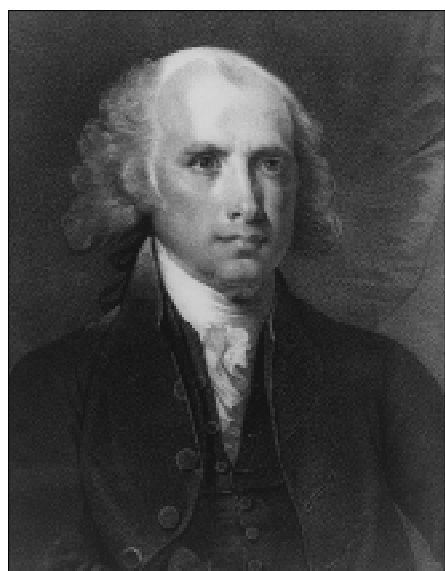
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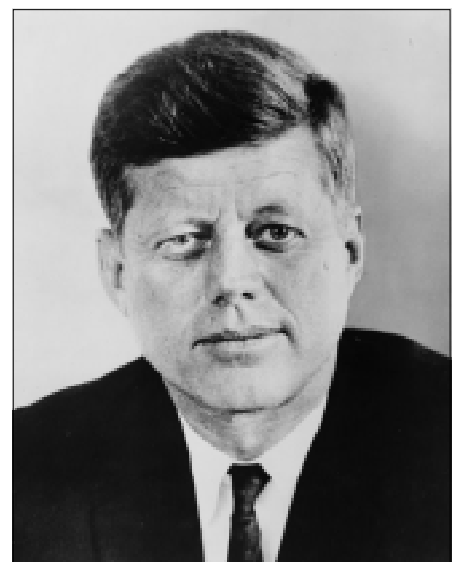
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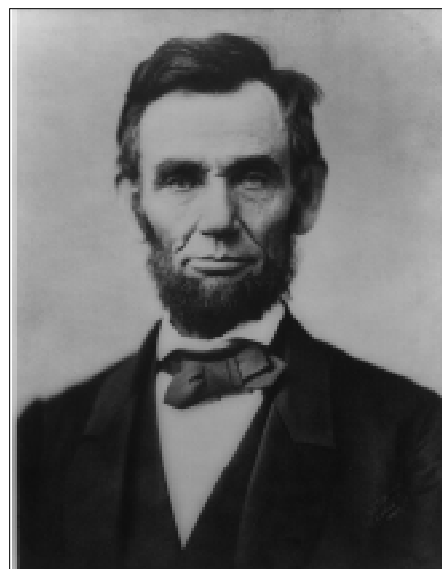
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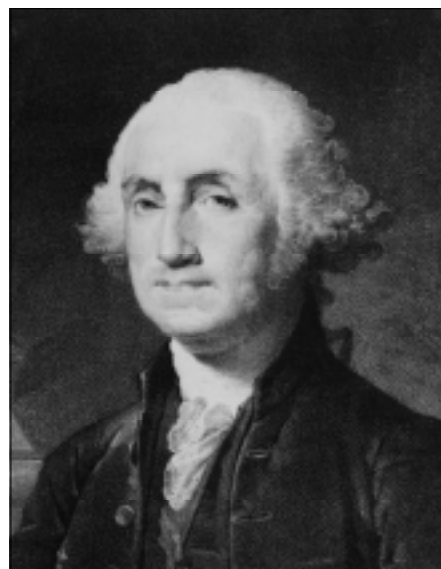
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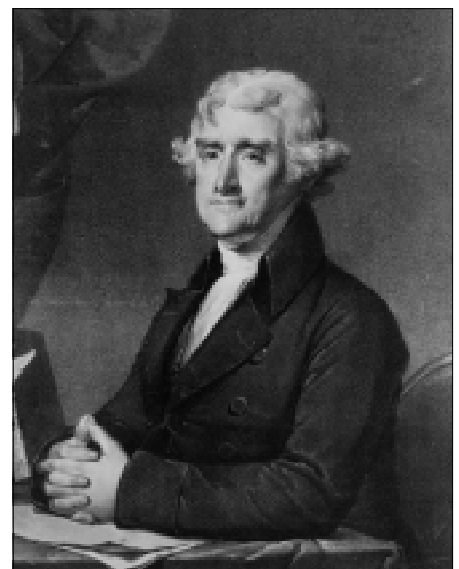
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3rd President Thomas Jefferson

Myers says joint capabilities, transformation key to 21st Century war

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

Department of Defense's top uniformed officer told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Feb. 5 that the country must invest in its military to maintain the quality of the force and to fulfill U.S. obligations around the world.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in testimony that the best ways for the military to accomplish its goals are to improve U.S. joint war-fighting capability and to embrace transformation.

Myers said the U.S. military has come a long way in recent years to becoming a truly joint force and pointed to current operations in Afghanistan as proof of the progress. But U.S. forces can do more, he said.

He used interoperability as an example. The Navy took a single-service platform, the P-3 Orion aircraft, which started life as a Cold War Navy submarine hunter, and equipped it with new data links and sensors. The Orion is now interoperable with Air Force, Marine, Army and Navy facilities.

"That they all worked together is a tribute to the ingenuity of all the people involved," Myers said. But defense and service planners need to ensure that new systems are conceived, designed and produced with joint warfighting requirements in mind.

"To do that, we need to change our thinking, to look at new systems as

interchangeable modules that can plug and play in any situation and in any command arrangement, he said. "We've put a lot of effort into our ability on the tactical level, like the modifications of the P-3 ..., but we must also concentrate on the operational level of warfare, where organizational and process improvements are just as important."

He said command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance comprise the area with the greatest potential payoff for America. "By improving our C4ISR, we can ensure our commanders have the best information available for rapid battlefield decision-making," Myers said.

Transformation feeds DoD's striving toward jointness. "For me, transformation is simply fostering changes that result in a dramatic improvement over time in the way a combatant commander wages war," Myers said. "I'm convinced that our force structure requires better flexibility and adaptability to achieve our national security objectives."

He said transformation would require changes "in how we think and how we employ our capabilities to achieve more effective results in less time with fewer lives lost and with less cost." True transformation must include training, education, doctrine and organizations, he said.

Transformation often is not a sudden breakthrough but the result of incremental improvements, he said. "When I was flying F-4s in Vietnam, we lost a lot of airplanes and pilots trying to destroy single targets like bridges and anti-aircraft sites," he said. "We had to put a lot of people in harm's way to get the job done because our weapon systems weren't very accurate."

"So we developed laser-guided bombs and found a way to steer them to the target," he continued. "Nevertheless, we still had to have relatively good weather because you had to see the target to be able to put the laser-guided bomb on the target." Aircraft and crew still had to go into harm's way to put the bombs on target, but there was a significant improvement in bombing accuracy.

"Now ... we've got bombs that are impervious to the weather conditions, that steer themselves using satellite-generated Global Positioning System signals," he said. "Let me also point out that when the Global Positioning System was being developed and first deployed, no one was talking about using it for bombing. It was seen as a better navigational tool."

"So essentially we've linked incremental improvements in several different technologies to achieve today our precision-strike capability, with accuracy that I believe amounts to truly transformational change."

He said transformation made for more accurate bombing, but it went beyond. "The real transformation is ... we have advanced from needing multiple sorties to strike one target to using one sortie to strike multiple targets," Myers said. "There's also been a transformation in our thinking. Bombs are no longer regarded as solely area weapons. Instead they can be used like bullets from a rifle, aimed precisely and individually."

Myers told the committee that U.S. forces remain the most powerful and the best trained in the world. "We've made tremendous strides in recent years, providing our people a comprehensive set of quality-of-life improvements, especially in the areas of pay and housing and healthcare," he said. "The quality of life also includes adequate training, modern equipment, modern infrastructure and adequate spare parts."

"I ask that we continue to keep faith with both our active and reserve component members, as well as our retirees," he continued. "Sustaining the quality of life of our people is crucial to recruiting, crucial to retention, and especially crucial to our readiness to fight. But more important, it's the right thing to do for our heroes who, this very minute, are serving in harm's way, defending our freedom. They're the practitioners of joint warfighting and the creators of transformation. They make things happen and should always be our top priority."

Black women reaching top enlisted ranks



By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

Army demographics reveal that black females are shattering glass ceilings, and obtaining senior positions that were once only held by men.

More than 50 percent of female sergeants major are black even though blacks make up 46 percent of the female enlisted population. Out of 14 female sergeants major in the Military District of Washington area, 11 are black.

Enlisted soldiers who attain the distinction of serving as sergeants major are the epitome of success in their chosen field, according to Army personnel officials. There is no higher grade of rank, except sergeant major of the Army. Sergeants major carry out policies and standards of performance, training, appearance and conduct of enlisted personnel. They advise and initiate recommendations to their respective commander and staff in matters pertaining to the local

noncommissioned officer support channels.

Interviews with five of MDWs 11 black female sergeants major indicated that they were not selected as senior leaders to meet any Army quotas. They were promoted because they put soldiers first, did the "hard jobs" and took advantage of higher education.

"It's sad, but after I made master sergeant I heard that I helped the Army make two quotas because I'm black and female," said Command Sgt. Maj. Barbara Smith, Fort Meade's Headquarters Command Battalion sergeant major.

Smith has been in the Army for 24 years and has served two tours as a first sergeant, one as a drill sergeant and another as the senior enlisted advisor to the Commander in Chief, Pacific Command. During the joint assignment at Pacific Command, Smith was the only female among her peers, and she said in that role she

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Nine out of 11 black female sergeants major in the MDW area pose for a Washington, D.C., civilian reporter. From front to back: Sgt. Maj. Brenda McCall, MDW's ceremonies and special events; Sgt. Maj. Alice Dallman, U.S. Army Force Management Support Agency; Sgt. Maj. Rosemary Waters-Lindo, MDW's Equal Opportunity Office; Sgt. Maj. Audrey Prestonsoto, Personnel Command's Quartermaster Chemical Branch; Sgt. Maj. Renita Cooper, Fort Belvoir's Intelligence and Security Command; Sgt. Maj. Andrea Marks, Defense Threat Readiness Agency; Sgt. Maj. Cincella Sherrod from Headquarters, Department of the Army; Command Sgt. Maj. Barbara Smith, Fort Meade's Headquarters Command Battalion; and Sgt. Maj. Veronica, Legett Air Mobility Command.

Yongsan Lanes YABA stars

as of Feb. 2



Pee-Wees

Name

Score

Boys

Brenden Endrina	90	Scratch Game
Jacob Roth	200	Handicap Game

Girls

Lanita Fields	87	Scratch Game
	190	Handicap Game

Bantam

Boys

Kyle Sprow	134	Scratch Game
	324	Scratch Series
	251	Handicap Game
	675	Handicap Series

Girls

Jasmine Booth	113	Scratch Game
	251	Scratch Series
	227	Handicap Game
	593	Handicap Series



Preps

Name

Score

Boys

Leland Lewis	162	Scratch Game
Yong-Il Park	439	Scratch Series
	253	Handicap Game
	733	Handicap Series

Girls

Jennifer Simmons	157	Scratch Game
	427	Scratch Series
Julie Westergard	242	Handicap Game
	656	Handicap Series

Jr-Majors

Boys

Allen Wagner	236	Scratch Game
	563	Scratch Series
	263	Handicap Game
David Coleman	702	Handicap Series

Girls

Jiovanna Bruce	197	Scratch Game
	563	Scratch Series
Heather Kunz	225	Handicap Game
Christie Maynard	651	Handicap Series

**The American Women's Club
Scholarship**

The American Women's Club of Seoul is awarding scholarships in 3 categories for the 2002 academic year for graduating high school seniors, adults and college students. Application packets with requirements can be obtained at the high school Guidance Counselor's office (Rm 108), or the Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop (bldg#4222, across from the Chosun Gift Shop). Applicants must be valid ID card holders, US citizens or family members of U.S. military members assigned to the Republic of Korea. Deadline for applications is March. 31. For information, call 99-795-7675.

**Major General James
Ursano Scholarship**

Army Emergency Relief offers the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship to children of Army soldiers. Applicants must be dependent children, stepchildren or legally adopted children of Army soldiers on active duty, retired or deceased while on active duty or after retirement; enrolled in DEERS; unmarried for entire academic year; and under the age of 22 on June 1, based on the 2002-03 academic year. Applicants must be enrolled, accepted or pending acceptance as full time dependent students for the entire academic year in post-secondary educational institutions accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Scholarship applicants must maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale for funds to be awarded or disbursed. Completed applications with supporting documents must be mailed to HQ AER and postmarked NLT March 1. Application forms are available at the Army Emergency Relief office and may be printed from the web page at www.aerhq.org

NAF Vacancy Announcement

The Dragon Hill Lodge is looking for an Assistant Hotel manager (NF-1101-3). If interested pick up an application at Guest Services at the Dragon Hill or call 738-2233 extension 6401 for further information.

**Scholarship Available
Through SAESC**

Seoul American Enlisted Spouses award educational scholarships to qualified individuals. There are eligibility requirements: 1. All applicants must be a current ID card holder and reside in The Republic of Korea. 2. Applicants or their sponsor / spouse must be a member of SAESC or the Seoul American Officers,' Civilians' and Spouses' Club in good standing as of December 31, 2001, or within two months of their arrival in country. 3. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0. 4. High school students must complete the requirements for graduation from high school before June 2002. 5. College students must be at least 19 years of age and not have reached their 23rd birthday prior to submitting application. High school students applications must be turned in to the SAHS Guidance Office no later than March 31. College students and adults must be postmarked no later than March 31. Scholarship will be awarded in May. For application or information, call 738-6736 or email AJEtien@aol.com.

**Scholarships Available
through SAOCSC**

Year after year, the Seoul American Officers, Civilians' and Spouses Club has been proud to award educational scholarships to qualified individuals seeking to further their education. Those eligible include high school seniors completing graduation requirements in either January or June 2002, current college students and SAOCSC members and/or their sponsors. All scholarship applicants must be U.S. citizens and current ID card holders. In addition, those eligible to apply must be a member of or have a parent or spouse who is a member in good standing in either SAOCSC or the Seoul American Enlisted Spouses Club. Applications are available at the Chosun Gift Shop. High school applications are also available through Seoul American and Osan High School Guidance Counselors. The deadline for applications is March 15. Scholarships will be awarded in May. For information, call Cathy Swenson at 736-8119.

**SAOCSC
Murder Mistery Night**

The February SAOCSC function will feature a murder mystery dinner theater Feb. 23 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. The fun begins at 6 p.m. for members and their invited guests. The cost is \$17.20. Reservations must be made by Feb. 13. For information, call Beth Klingele at 736-6553.

ICE is coming!!

No, this is not a weather report, although it does have something to do with the climate. Interactive Customer Evaluation is a web-based customer comment system that will supplement, or replace, the current Customer Comment Cards in more than 80 service locations in Yongsan and the surrounding area.

Free Korean Classes

Army Community Service is offering free beginners Korean Language classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. Classes are held in the Community Services Building, Rm. 118. Interested persons can sign-up in Rm. 205. For information, call 738-7999.

Seoul Computer Club

The monthly meeting of the Seoul Computer Club will be Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. in the 6th floor conference room of the Fulbright building in Mapo. The topic will be Personal Digital Assistants. For directions or information, call 736-4004 or log onto www.seoulcc.org.

Korea Retiree Web Site

The Osan Air Base Retiree Activities Office web site has been reactivated at <http://www.rao-osan.com>. A new retiree web site for wireless access (such as Internet-capable cell phones) is at <http://rao-osan.com/~wap/>. The site contains useful information for retirees including newsletters, information for Korea retirees and links to interesting sites. For more information, call 784-1441 or email retact@osan.af.mil

OCS Board

The Area II Officer Candidate Selection Board will convene Feb. 21 at 8 a.m. in the 34th Support Group command conference room. For more information, call 738-4534 or 723-6557.

**Reserve Component Career
Counselor**

All separating officers and soldiers must contact their Reserve Component Career Counselor prior to leaving active duty. First contact should be as early as 120 days prior to separation. Reserve Component Career Counselors are co-located with the Separation Points. For more information, call 724-8491 or 723-6833.

Warrior`s Gate

'The Stronghold of Warrior`s Gate' sanctioned by the Society for Creative Anachronism, invites you to join them in re-creating the Middle Ages! For information, email warriorsgate@yahoo.com.

Book Fair

The Seoul American Elementary School PTO Book Fair will be held Feb. 25-March. 1. Over 6000 books will be on sale. The event will be located in the Dolphin Theater adjacent to the Media Center. The Book Fair will be open Feb. 25-March. 1, 8:15a.m.-2 p.m. and Feb. 27 (extended hours), 7-9 p.m.

Healthy By Choice

The 18th Medical Command Health Promotion Program, Preventative Services Directorate will sponsor an eight week wellness and weight control program through March 12 from 5-6 p.m. in the Army Community Service classroom located in Bldg. 4106, South Post. Topics include preventing heart disease, recipe modification and dealing with stress. For more information, call 736-3029 or 736-6693.

CPR Weekend

The Yongsan American Red Cross will conduct a CPR weekend March. 23 and 24. The classes will be in the auditorium of the Army Community Services building. For information, call 738-3670 or email RamlowJ@usfk.korea.army.mil.

AAFES Facilities Holiday Schedules

Facility	Feb. 11	Feb. 12	Feb. 13	Facility	Feb. 11	Feb. 12	Feb. 13
Yongsan Main Exchange	Open	Closed	Open	Coiner American	Open	Closed	Open
Dragon Hill PX	Open	Open(1100-1600)	Open	Mobile Unit	Open	Closed	Closed
CP Coiner PX	Open	Closed	Open	Townhouse	Open	Open	Open
Dist Engr PX	Open	Closed	Open	CFC Coffee Shop	Closed	Closed	Closed
Yongsan SSSC	Open	Closed	Open	Command Coff	Closed	Closed	Closed
CP Market PX	Open	Closed	Open	J-4 Coffee Shop	Closed	Closed	Closed
Four Season	Open	Closed	Open	Sweet'n Treat, MP	Closed	Closed	Open
CP Colbern PX	Open	Closed	Open	Moyer Charley's ST	Closed	Closed	Open
Hannam PX	Open	Open(1100-1700)	Closed	Arcade D/House	Open	Closed	Closed
K-16 PX	Open	Closed	Open	Camp Market S/B	Open	Closed	Open
Yongin PX	Open	Closed	Open	K-16 S/B	Open	Closed	Open
Furniture Mart	Open	Closed	Open	Camp Colbern S/B	Open	Closed	Open
121 Hospital PX	Open	Closed	Open	121 Hospital D/H	Open(0700-1300)	Closed	Closed
Sports Shop	Open	Closed	Open	34th SG Coffe Shop	Closed	Closed	Closed
S/P Video Rental	Open	Closed	Open	FED S/B	Open	Closed	Closed
MCSS	Open	Closed	Open	Sobingo S/B	Closed	Closed	Closed
M/P Shoppette	Open	Closed	Open	Charley's Steakly	Open	Closed	Open
S/P Shoppette	Open(0700-1800)	Open(1100-1700)	Open	YSN B/King	Open	Open(1000-2200)	Open
Car Care Center	Open	Closed	Open	YSN Popeye's	Open	Closed	Open
Filling Stattion	Open	Closed	Open	School Cafe	Open	Closed	Open
Gallery	Open(1000-1500)	Closed	Open	Hannam Food	Open	Closed	Open

Excess Government Property Turn-in
DRMO Bupyong accepts turn-in of excess government property by appointment Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. Appointments can be made Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. by calling 722-3374 for nonhazardous property and 722-3890 for hazardous property. For information, call 722-3374.

American Red Cross Classes
The Yongsan American Red Cross is offering a class. CPR/First Aid class will be Feb. 9 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. There is a course fee which includes a textbook and all materials. Pre-registration is required.
For more information, call 738-3670 or stop by the office, on the 2nd floor of the USO at Camp Kim, to register.

Thrift Saving Plan And Personal Identification Number
Once a soldier's TSP account is established, the Thrift Investment Board will send the soldier an introductory letter and their PIN. This letter and PIN will be forwarded to the address the soldier used when they started their deduction for TSP. Once received they will be able to access the TSP Web site or call the Thriftline (504-255-8777) to make a contribution allocation. If a soldier does not receive/lose/forget their PIN, they should access the TSP Web site (WWW.TSP.GOV) for instructions on how to obtain a new one.

Quartermaster Laundry Service
QM Laundry informs U.S. Military/KATUSA, Government employees and their dependents for its services within Areas I, II and III. The following items are cleaned by government expense for active army military personnel:
Bedding items: Sheets, blankets, pillowcases, pillows, mattress pads.
CIF items: Sleeping bags, aviation suits, chemical suits, cooks whites and so on.
Organizational items: KATUSA garments, flags, curtains, drapes and so on.
The following items are paid by customers for all U.S. ID card holders:
Military uniforms: BDUs, Class"a" and so on.
Civilian garments: Suits, shirts, jeans, dresses, blouses and so on.

NAF Employee 401(K) Savings Plan Changes for 2002
Effective Jan. 1, U.S. Army NAF Employee 401 (k) plan will be amended to allow multiple loans simultaneously. Plan participants will be allowed to have a residential loan and two general loans at any given time. The only restriction imposed by the IRS is that no more than two loans may be obtained during a period of 12 consecutive months. IRS loan dollar limitations will remain in effect and there will be no 90 day waiting period between loans.
For calendar year 2002, the IRS maximum dollar limitation on employee contributions will increase from \$10,500 to \$11,000. You may contribute any percentage of your salary up to the IRS annual maximum. The previous limitation of 22 percent has been eliminated. For information, log on the web site at www.nafbenefits.com or call 738-3630.

Adult Confirmation Class
If you are a Baptized Catholic but have not been confirmed, you are invited to join a class in preparation for the Sacrament. For more information, call Liz Austin 724-2153.

Fellowship and Bible Study
PWOC hosts fellowship and Bible study for women of all denominations and faiths Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. at the South Post Chapel. Childwatch and home school room is provided. For more information, call 736-8291.

ACS EFMP Support Groups
The support groups are a great opportunity for parents to share information, talk to specialist about their special needs, concerns or just listen and support other parents or special needs family members. The schedules are: 1. Austism Support Group meets the 2nd Monday and Thursday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Army community Services Building, room #124. 2. The Hearing Impaired Support Group meets each month in Hannam Village. 3. Asthma Support Group and The Diabetic Support Group meet the 2d Monday of each month form 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the CSB, room #205. For information, call 738-5311.

VA Office Seoul Job Announcement
Contract Rep, GS-346-02-19
Services Rep, GS-346-02-18
Both position close on Feb. 14, submit applications in person to Seoul CPAC. For more information, call 738-3057.

Youth Services Sports Baseball
Youth Sports Baseball/Softball/T-ball registration will be Feb. 1- March 1. Coaches and players can register at YS Gym from Feb. 1- 28. For information, call 738-3001.

Scratch Bowlers Special
The Yongsan Lanes will be having the Korea-wide Invitational Budweiser Bowling.It will start at 2 p.m. with sign-up at 1 p.m. on Feb. 24. For information, call 723-7830/7203.

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National Engineer Week Fun Run
The U.S. Forces Korea-Engineers will sponsor a 5K fun run Feb. 23 at Collier Field House, Yongsan. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the race starts at 9:30 a.m. For information, call 721-7185 or email David.C.Wilson@pof02.usace.army.mil.

Valentine`s Day 5K Sweetheart Run
The 5K run will begin at THE POINT, Dragon Hill Lodge at 11 a.m. Feb. 9. The fee is \$3 per person. You can register at 10 a.m. that day or pre-register from Feb. 1. For information call 738-2222, ext. 6240.

2002 Yongsan Women's Post Softball Team
Yongsan Sports will hold a meeting at 10 a.m. Feb. 9 at Trent Gym for women interested in participating on the post softball team. For more information, call 738-8608.

Gold Pin Bowling
The Yongsan Lanes has Gold Pin Bowling every Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. Take a chance and get a strike with a Gold Pin in front. For information, call 723-7830/7203.

Happy Birthday!
The Yongsan Lanes does birthday parties for children and adults. Reservations should be a minimum of two weeks in advance. For information and reservations, call 723-7830/7203.

Youth Bowlers
You can join the Young American Bowling Alliance. It`s every Saturday from 9:30-1130 a.m. For information, call 723-7830/738-5171.

Racquetball Tournament
The Area II Men's and Women's active duty military only racquetball tournament will be held Feb. 21-24 at Collier Field House. Teams must pre-register no later than Feb. 17. Winner and runner-up will advance to the Eighth U.S. Army Championship tournament in March at Busan. For more information, call 738-8608.

Volleyball League
Sign-up for the 2002 Yongsan Men's and Women's Intramural Unit-level Volleyball League by March 3 at Collier Field House. An organizational meeting will be held March 5 at 1 p.m. The season begins March 9.

AFTB Level 1 Training
The Army Family Team Building Family Member Training for Level 1 Basic Training will be held Feb. 15-16 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Bldg. 4106. For registration and information, call 738-3617.

COMMUNITY CLOSURES

Laundry & Dry Cleaning
The QM Laundry and Dry Cleaning Plant will be closed Feb. 11-13 for Lunar New Year. For information, call 736-6666.

Community Bank Closure
In order to observe the Lunar New Year, the following is the Community Bank's operation schedule:
All branches except Dragon Hill Lodge:
Closed Feb. 11-12
Open Feb. 13
Dragon Hill Lodge branch only:
Open Feb. 11
Closed Feb. 12-13

Ration Control Office Closure
The Ration Control Office will be closed on the following dates: Lunar New Year Feb.9-12 and Presidents Day weekend Feb.16-19.

Property Control Branch Closed
The Property Control Branch, SOD, 34th Support Group will be closed on Feb. 11, 12 and 13 for Korean Lunar New Year.

Yongsan Commissary Closure
The Yongsan commissary will be closed Feb. 11,12 and open Feb. 13.

Community Activities Facilities Holiday Schedules

Facility	Feb. 9	Feb. 10	Feb. 11	Feb. 12	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Feb. 23	Feb. 24
Harvey's Lounge	Open	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
Yong-In Club	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
K-16 Club	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
East Gate Club	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
CP Colbern Club	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
CP Market Club	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open
Commiskey's	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open
Main Post Club	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Yongsan Lanes	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open
Sports Billeting	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Sports Complex	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open

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met periodically with the sergeant major of the Army, and his equivalents in the other four military branches.

Smith said that she addresses comments that question her position as a senior leader by saying that she worked hard for all of her promotions.

Anyone who thinks the Army promotes based on quotas is incorrect and needs to learn how the centralized promotion system works, said Sgt. Maj. Brenda McCall, the operations sergeant major for Military District of Washington Ceremonies and Special Events.

"If you look at the records of those who have made it to the top versus those who haven't, you'll see that the people who hold senior positions have more and have done more than those who are not getting promoted," McCall said.

When it comes to promotion, the Army is as fair as fair can be, said McCall, who has served in the Army, mainly with divisions, for 26 years. Promotions are based on performance, and it's kind of hard to get around that, she added.

The U.S. Department of Labor's definition of a glass ceiling is artificial barriers, based on attitudinal or organizational bias, that prevent women and minorities from advancing within their organization and reaching their

full potential.

The barrier that exists for so many in the civilian sector doesn't exist in the Army if a person decides not to sit on laurels, and instead works toward achieving the top, said Sgt. Maj. Rosemary Waters-Lindo, senior Equal Opportunity adviser for MDW.

Waters-Lindo, who has a master's degree in counseling and who is a 25-year Army soldier, said she was able to overcome her biggest challenge in the Army as a sergeant first class stationed in the MDW area by always being one step ahead of her peers.

"During Desert Shield/Desert Storm, I was in charge of 150 Intelligence Reserve officers," Waters-Lindo said. "My boss thought that I didn't have the capacity to know what was going on because I didn't have an intelligence background, but I would come to work hours before everybody else to read and prepare myself for the mission."

For anyone who wants to be a good leader, regardless of gender or ethnicity, Waters-Lindo said, the old Army logo still reigns true. "To gain success, I hate to use the old motto, 'Be All That You Can Be.' However, I'll say be the best that you can be and

go beyond what the Army is asking you to do."

Take one step at a time to reach the top, Waters-Lindo said, by setting goals. She said that she started writing

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down her goals as a private first class.

The Army is full of soldiers who are content with serving their country, following orders and riding the wave of normalcy. Then there are soldiers like Sgt. Maj. Andrea Marks, who volunteered to be a drill sergeant, went to Master Fitness and Airborne schools, has served as a first sergeant and is one course from completing her master's degree. She was selected as first sergeant after 17 years in the Army.

Marks, 38, the senior enlisted adviser in the Defense Threat Readiness Agency, said she started looking at how she could get ahead of the ballgame from day one. People are where they are in life because of the decisions that they made, she said.

"Coming from London, England, I knew very little about the military when I enlisted," Marks said. "I didn't know

what a semester hour was, but while on active duty I've earned my associate's, bachelor's and now I'm working on my master's."

All five of the sergeants majors that volunteered to be interviewed had served as first sergeants. They each had their bachelor's degree, three had their master's and one had a doctorate. However, they

all said that it takes more than professional development to rise to the senior ranks. Their jobs are centered on soldiers, the sergeants major said.

"To be a good leader, you have to care about the soldier and the soldier's family," Marks said. "You have to listen to what the soldier is saying to learn how to do what's best for him or her, and stay out of the been-there, done-that mode."

As sergeants major, they have a greater impact on the lives of soldiers, and now that they've reached the pinnacle, some say their jobs are a lot more challenging.

"We always have to be on guard, making sure that we're taking care of the soldier, because there's soldiers that will test your competency," Waters-Lindo said. "You just have to remain strong in your decisions and lead based on knowledge and not emotion."